False case of abduction of son of Pak High Commission employee

1703. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the matters of concocted false allegation of abduction of son of Pak High Commission Employee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received promises/assurance from Pakistan Government to not repeat such cases in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) The Pakistan High Commission informed the Ministry on November 9 that the 19 year old son of a staff member was abducted on November 08,2005 at 17.15 hrs. by some unknown people travelling in a vehicle and released almost 9 hours later allegedly in a "dazed and traumatised state". Delhi Police investigated the matter. It discovered that the reported incident was a prank by the Pakistani boy with a fellow student, an Indian. The High Commission for Pakistan was accordingly informed through diplomatic channels.

Difficulties in getting passport forms in Punjab

1704. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether charges of passport application forms have been increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that people of Punjab are facing difficulties in obtaining passport forms; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to ease the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no shortage of passport application forms in any part of India including Punjab. Passport applicants can obtain these forms